



Time for change!

Co-producing peer research with diverse communities

How peer research can increase the diversity of participation and involvement in research, making it more accessible and inclusive



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Today's speakers:

Dr Josepine Ocloo, Senior Lecturer, King's College London
(Principal Investigator for study)

Hannah K. Dasch, Research Assistant, King's College London

Christoforos Pavlakis, Peer Researcher

Abigail Mensah, Peer Researcher

Vita Molledo, Peer Researcher

Other members of the research team:

Sally Douglas, Research Assistant, King's College London

Leah Bedward, Peer Researcher

Katherine Barrett, Peer Researcher

Bernadette Khoshaba, Research Fellow



Agenda for today

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| 4.00 – 4.15pm | Welcome, housekeeping and introductions: Dr Josepine Ocloo, Senior Lecturer, King's College London |
| 4.15 - 4.30pm | Peer researcher experience: Chris Pavlakis, Abigail Mensah, Vita Moltedo |
| 4.30 – 4.40pm | Key actions from the study: Hannah Dasch, Research Assistant, King's College London |
| 4.40 – 5.00 pm | Discussion |

Research Cafés: Co-Producing Inclusive Health Research with Diverse Communities





Key actions for research networks

To support more equitable and diverse research





1) Value of Peer Researcher role

*“(...) **advocating for roles and job descriptions and recognition is important, (...) championing the good practice, (...) If you are doing something well or even if you’ve got learning where things haven’t gone well, making sure that that’s properly documented and available for other people (...)**”*





*“Oh well, the university will find local researchers and train them and then they can get all the recruitment and the participants.’ What did that mean? **Cheap labour! Uganda, can you imagine how many researchers the money could pay for? Expendable people. (...)***



‘Yay, look at us, we are so diverse, we’ve got peer researchers, can you do that? No!’ (...) **this can be end up being very exploitative, unless you build the network together with people who are then doing the peer research.”**



2) Appropriate funding

*“(...) this comes from the funder, comes from leadership, that **it needs to be valued** and the money needs to be put there, because I think a lot of people would like to be able to do it, but to be able to employ people as peer researchers, **to be able to set up effectively organised and well functioning groups takes time and takes resource, it’s costly.**”*

But to demonstrate that you actually do value it, you need to put your money where your mouth is.”





3) More equitable opportunities

*“We can do better, we can reach different groups, it’s about **developing those relationships**, (...) reaching people who aren’t necessarily interested or involved in research, who wouldn’t necessarily think that it’s relevant to them, and **developing opportunities for people** (...) it’s **not something that can be done overnight, that takes a lot of effort to train people up** (...)”*





*“And then it’s thinking about how do we get people, how do we get those more diverse leaders? How do we upskill the workforce? So thinking about developing people through the career pipeline, what do they need to be able to become the strong leaders of the future? And thinking about **what training they need, what mentorship they need, what opportunities they need.**”*





Q&A





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